



**DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

***SURFACE BLASTER –
Kentucky or West Virginia Reciprocal Agreement***

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20 (VR 480-04-2), which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

**CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Surface Blaster - Kentucky or West Virginia
RECIPROCITY – Renewal must be in accordance with BCME Requirements**

This certification authorizes the holder to perform blasting operations and to record blasting examination information concerning blasting operations at surface mines.

NOTE: This certification shall not be used in lieu of any other certification.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (DM-BCME-1 and DMLR-BCME-4) and \$10.00 fee
- One year of blasting experience (Form DM-BCME-2) on a surface mine under the direction of a certified surface blaster or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Hold a General Miner Certification, if required by law. Miners who have Virginia coal mining experience prior to January 1, 1996, and wish to obtain general miner certification must meet BCME requirement 4 VAC 25-20-255 A.1.2.3. or attend required general miner training.
- Current first aid training (MSHA first aid 5000-23 acceptable)
- Copy of current West Virginia or Kentucky surface blaster card

***5 year DMLR recertification required**

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